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if Oswald Could have take
a more circuitous flight
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para 2 of CE 2677 (attached
Therefore our statement in
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

1 July 1964

PRESIDENT FOR: Nr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel
President's Commission on the Assassination
of President Kennedy

SUBJECT:

Lee Earway Oswald's Arrival Time in Helsinki on 10 October 1959

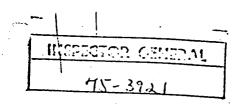
1. In response to your memorandum of 25 May 1964, we have established that the only direct flight from London to Helsinki on 10 October 1959 was Finn Air flight 552 which arrived in Helsinki at 2333 (11:33 P.M.). If Oswald had taken this flight, he could not normally have cleared customs and landing forwalities and reached the Torni Hotel downtown by 21400 (nidmight) on the same day. This is based on the judgment of officers in this Agency familiar with the Helsinki airport.

2. We are presently attempting to determine if Orwald could have taken a more circuitous flight from London, with a stop at Succibola, Copenhagen, or some other city. Any additional information received will be forwarded to you

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Richard Selms Deputy Director for Plans

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2677



6 November 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT

Oswald Flight Inquiry by Time Magazine

Hayes Gorey of <u>Time</u> is writing a piece on Oswald.

He finds in the Warren Commission report a letter from Helms to Rep. Rankin. It is exhibit 2774. The letter says there were no October 10 flights from London to Helsinki but that the Agency will dig still further to clarify this point.

This has to do with the passage of Oswald from London to the Soviet Union, I gather.

Mr. Gorey's query is:

Was the digging done? What did it show?

Is there anything we can do to help Mr. Gorey.

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Assistant to the Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the SA/DDO

Mr. Richard A. Fuller

SUBJECT : Oswald Flight Inquery by <u>Time</u> Magazine

Pursuant to Mr. Thuermer's request to provide Mr. Gorey of Time magazine information on Agency efforts clarifying whether or not there was an October 10, 1959 flight from London to Helsinki, Agency records indicate a message was received dated 24 June 1964 which reflected that there was a direct flight from London to Helsinki on 10 October 1959. It was FINNAIR Flight 852 which arrived Helsinki at 2333 hours. This information was passed on July 1, 1964 to Representative Rankin. Efforts to ascertain if there were other more circuitous flights from London on that date were explored without apparent success.

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